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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/036,359

Group Art Unit: 1762

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Examiner: Wesley D. MARKHAM

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For: COATING OF OPTICAL ELEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR FOR USE WITH
ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 2, 2002, the Examiner has indicated that pending claims 1-35 are subject to a requirement for restriction. In particular, the Examiner requests the Applicant to select one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

- Group I - Claims 1-17 and 34, drawn to a method for coating optical elements; and
- Group II - Claims 18-33 and 35, drawn to a lock system and a coating system for coating optical elements.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, i.e., claims 1-17 and 34 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 18-33 and 35.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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